



MINUTES OF AGREEMENTS FOR THE VII MEETING OF THE EMERGENCY AND CIVIL PROTECTION SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE BORDER GOVERNORS CONFERENCE, HELD IN UNIVERSAL CITY, CALIFORNIA, ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2008.

At the 9:30 a.m. August 15, 2008, meeting at the Sheraton Universal Hotel, Performers Boardroom, in the city of Universal City, California, representatives of the Emergency and Civil Protection Subcommittee of the Border Governments of Mexico and the United States, as well as representatives of their respective Federal Governments, whose relationship is described herein, held the VII Workgroup meeting for the Subcommittee on Emergency and Civil Protection, under the framework of the XXVI Border Governors Conference.

The session proceeded pursuant to the following Agenda:

1. Co-Chairs Open Meeting: Louis Trammell and Willebaldo Alatraste
2. Review of Minutes
3. Review of Action Items.
 - 3.1 Action Item No. 1. - To train first responders in the border region in pandemic flu issues in coordination with the Department of Health Services.
 - 3.2 Action Item No. 2. - To develop a Strategic Bi National Emergency Management Five-Year-Plan, to include prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery.
 - 3.3 Action Item No. 3.- To develop a Memorandum of Understanding for mutual aid in the case of emergency response in the ten Border States.
4. Review of the Agreements and Proposals.
 - 4.1 Status on the sub-work table's proposal to become a full table.
 - 4.2 EMI's exercise on Nogales Sister Cities, to be held in February 2009 Emmitsburg, Maryland.
5. Transfer of the Co-Chair from Sonora and Arizona:
Willebaldo Alatraste and Louis Trammell
6. Acceptance of Co-Chair from California and Nuevo Leon:
Henry R. Renteria and Jorge Camacho
7. Future Meetings.
8. New Co-Chairs provide Summary of Meeting
Henry R. Renteria and Jorge Camacho
9. Briefing to the Border Security Worktable



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1. PARTICIPANTS

MEXICO

For the Federal Government:

Laura Gurza Jaidar, Civil Protection General Coordinator, SEGOB.

Ana Lucia Hill Mayoral, Civil Protection General Director, SEGOB

For the States:

Baja California Alfredo Escobedo Ortiz, Lidia A. Rendon and Mario Rodriguez

Chihuahua José Isac Olivas Vega

Coahuila Segismundo Doguin Martínez

Nuevo Leon Jorge Camacho Rincon

Sonora Willebaldo Alatraste Candiani and Miguel Alvarez.

Tamaulipas Salvador Trevino Salinas

USA

For the Federal Government:

Carole Cameron (FEMA)

Nancy Ward (FEMA)

William Peterson (FEMA)

Barbara Maco (US EPA)

Keith Takata (US EPA)

Malcolm Johnson (Northcom)

Rachel Poynter (U.S. Department of State)

Nora E. Pinzon (U.S. AID)

For the States:

Arizona Louis B. Trammell

California Henry Renteria, Frank McCarton and William Wade

New Mexico Tim Manning and Sherry Kamali

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Louis Trammell and Willebaldo Alatraste, in their position as Co-Chairs of the sub worktable welcomed the attendees and thanked them for their attendance and suggested self-introductions take place, stating name, position and agency represented.

Co-Chair Louis Trammell addressed the upcoming transition of Co-Chairs to California and Nuevo Leon. Co-Chair Willebaldo Alatraste addressed the proposal of becoming a full worktable after only one and a half years in existence and how this elevation will give the worktable greater responsibility and greater flexibility.



Co-Chair Louis Trammell called for approval and acceptance of meeting minutes by the worktable. Meeting minutes were accepted and approved by the worktable.

REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM No. 1. - To train first responders in the border region in pandemic flu issues in coordination with the Health Committee.

Henry Renteria, Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) distributed training catalogues to all the attendees. Henry Renteria received first responder training course information from the border states and his staff compiled the information and developed a first responder training catalogue for the sub worktable to use as a resource catalogue. Henry Renteria suggested the worktable can continue to review the catalogue and suggest changes or accept the catalogue as a first responder training resource.

Agreements:

- Co-Chair Louis Trammell praised California for their training catalogue and stated if anyone is interested in training in their area or in Arizona, they will provide the training to first responders.
 - Co-Chairs Willebaldo Alariste and Louis Trammel suggested the list of training courses be available on a web page and possibly include a "symbol" next to the course which would identify whether training would be provided at their location or your location and whether accommodations would be offered. Additionally, Louis suggested the catalogue be posted on the website with links to other states with their training websites. He also suggested training calendars from all the states be distributed to all worktable members to inform everyone of upcoming training opportunities.
 - William Wade, Adjutant General, California National Guard, inquired about links to training exercises in addition to training courses. Henry Renteria informed the worktable that the Golden Guardian training exercise is coming up in November 2008 and invited the worktable members to come and observe. Henry mentioned that California will have their State Operations Center (SOC) activated as if a real emergency was occurring. Henry Renteria will forward details of the Golden Guardian event for any worktable members that are interested in observing California's emergency procedures.
- **ACTION ITEM No. 2.** - To develop a Strategic Binational Emergency Management Five-Year-Plan, to include prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.

Agreements:

- Louis Trammell drafted a Five-Year Strategic Plan for the worktable outlining the mission, vision, goals and objectives of the worktable. He suggested the Plan be placed on the worktables website. Louis has requested the worktable members review the Five-Year Strategic Plan and forward any comments or suggestions to him.



- Louis Trammell suggested that for the next committee meeting, we should dedicate a full day or at least several hours discussing and working on the Five-Year Strategic Plan and translating the plan into action items.
- **ACTION ITEM No. 3.** - To develop a Memorandum of Understanding for mutual aid, in the case of emergency response in the ten Border States.

Agreements:

- Louis Trammell stated that the sub worktable tried to pursue a compact allowing the border states to assist during an emergency, however, at this time it was advised by legal counsel not to pursue the compact. A Memorandum of Understanding for mutual aid among the border states was signed by the Governors during the Conference. It was discussed that a compact will still be pursued in the future.

REVISION OF AGREEMENTS AND PROPOSALS

Louis Trammell and Henry Renteria indicated that their Governors' are very supportive of our request to elevate the Emergency and Civil Protection sub worktable to a full table and see no reason to believe the elevation will not occur.

EMI's exercise on Nogales Sister Cities, will be held February 2009, in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

TRANSFER OF THE CO-CHAIR

Co-Chairs Louis Trammell and Willebaldo Alatraste transferred the Co-Chair responsibility for the sub-worktable to Henry Renteria and Jorge Camacho.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE CO-CHAIR

Henry Renteria and Jorge Camacho accepted the Co-Chair responsibility and seated themselves at the head of the table in the Co-Chair seats.

2008 PROGRAM AND AGREEMENTS

It was agreed that the next Emergency Management and Civil Protection Worktable meeting be held the first week in November 2008, in the city of Monterreal, Coahuila, Mexico. Segismundo Doguin Martinez will send out additional information to the worktable members regarding this future meeting location.

At 12:00 hours on the same day, the meeting of the Emergency and Civil Protection Worktable for the Border Governors Conference was concluded with the adjournment words by Henry Renteria and Jorge Camacho.

Following the meeting, a briefing was made to the Border Security Worktable.